



Vision 2020 Standing Committee Meeting Minutes

February 10, 2016

7:30 PM

Town Hall Annex, First Floor Conference Room

Present: Juli Brazile, Amy Goldstein, Elisabeth Carr-Jones, Joey Glushko, Mary Harrison, Josh Lobel

Visitors: none

Absent: Sue Doctrow, Annie LaCourt

1. Introduction and agenda review, approve minutes of January 10, 2016

After discussing and approving minor revisions, the Committee voted unanimously to approve the minutes of January 10, 2016.

2. Budget

Juli reported on the Committee's hearing with the Arlington Finance Committee on February 3rd. The Committee was represented by Juli, Joey and Annie at the hearing, which resulted in a vote of the Arlington Finance Committee to support the Committee's request for FY 2017 funding before Town Meeting.

Juli reported on a request from the Arlington Patriot's Day Parade Committee regarding Vision 2020 participation and funding. The Task Groups have been contacted to gauge interest. The Committee delayed decisions pending responses from the Task Groups.

The Committee discussed ideas for efficient funding of Precinct Meetings to be held in advance of Town Meeting. Ideas included holding regional multi-Precinct Meetings, holding Precinct Meetings in Town buildings and only scheduling Precinct Meetings at schools when the buildings are otherwise open. It was agreed that the Committee would review the relevant Town Survey results and Amy volunteered to make initial contact with the Precinct Captains and Town Moderator.

(Amy left late in this discussion to attend the Board of Selectman's meeting.)

3. Task Group Reports

Juli reported that Sustainable Arlington, Spy Pond Committee, and the Standing Committee have signed up to participate in the EcoFest on March 19th. We are not sure about the Reservoir Committee's active participation, but all Vision 2020 committees can have information at the booth.

Mary reported for the Diversity Task Group. They are working on revisions to text and graphics for the recently-developed Vision 2020 display materials, have arranged for an Arlington High School student to work on their web site in return for Student Intern Community Service Credits, and will likely be changing Task Group leadership in the near future.

(Amy returned to the meeting late in this discussion.)

Several upcoming events were mentioned:

- “Unconscious Bias” Event at Town Hall on April 7
- “Stereotypes” Photography Show at ACA March 7-April 15; Reception on March 31
- “Stigmas II” True Story Theater Event at Robbins Library on May 10
- “Being an Active Bystander” True Story Theater Event at ACA on May 25

Joey reviewed preparations for the farewell reception for long-time Committee member Elizabeth Karpati. Committee members were invited to attend, where an inscribed gift will be presented, along with a Proclamation from the Board of Selectmen.

Juli reported that Scott Lever, a prospective Committee member, will be submitting his resume to the Superintendent of Schools. He hopes that Vision 2020 can establish new leadership for the Vision 2020 Education Task Group. Scott is talking with parents about how to develop a mission for the Task Group.

4. Communication

Juli reported that she is working with Sue Doctrow and Arlington Public Information Officer Joan Roman to make decisions on Vision 2020’s social media presence. She also reported that most of the Task Group Chairs had joined the Committee’s Google group.

5. Advisory Board Planning

A draft agenda was discussed for the upcoming joint meeting with the Vision 2020 Advisory Board. Several goals and ideas were vetted to make the most of this first meeting of the Standing and Advisory Committees. It was agreed that the meeting should establish focus and direction, provide opportunities for partnering, take advantage of everyone’s unique lens on the Town and inspire visions for the future. True Story Theater has agreed to work with the Committee to further these goals at the meeting.

6. New Business

Joey reported that she would schedule a meeting with Juli and Josh to begin the process of tabulating the Vision 2020 Survey results utilizing the recently-acquired software.

Submitted by Elisabeth Carr-Jones